

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (canceled)

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (canceled)

Claim 4 (original): An insect-derived water-soluble chitin which has been subjected to deacetylation as the sole chemical modification.

Claim 5 (original): An insect-derived water-soluble chitin according to Claim 4, wherein the chitin is derived from silkworm.

Claim 6 (original): An insect-derived water-soluble chitin according to Claim 5, wherein the chitin is derived from silkworm pupa exuvia.

Claim 7 (original): An extracellular matrix comprising the insect-derived water-soluble chitin according to any one of Claims 4-6.

Claim 8 (original): An extracellular matrix for coating a culture vessel, comprising 0.001% to 1% of the insect-derived water-soluble chitin according to any one of Claims 4-6.

Claim 9 (original): An insect cell culture vessel coated with the insect-derived water-soluble chitin according to any one of Claims 4-6.

Claim 10 (original): A process of preparing the insect-derived water-soluble chitin according to Claim 6, comprising the steps of extracting chitin from silkworm pupa exuvia and deacetylating the chitin.

Claim 11 (currently amended): A process of preparing an insect culture cell line in a short period of time, which comprises using ~~the insect primary culture medium according to any one of Claims 1-3,~~ and the insect-derived water-soluble chitin according to any one of Claims 4-6.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A process of preparing an insect culture cell line in a short period of time according to Claim 11, wherein a vessel coated with the insect-derived water-soluble chitin according to any one of Claims 4-6 is used, ~~and an insect cell is cultured in the insect primary culture medium according to any one of Claims 1-3.~~